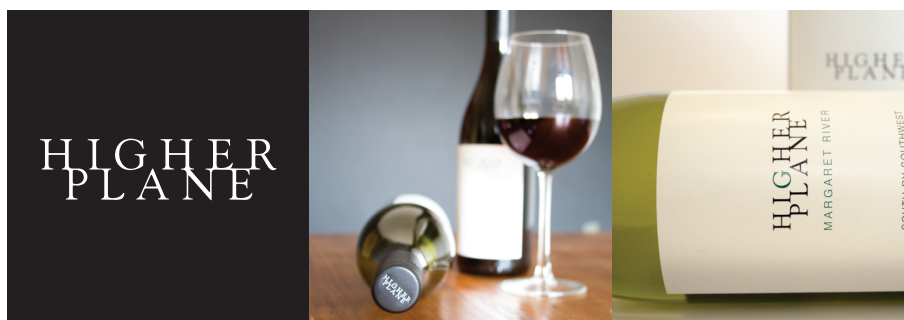


The 2006 vintage was the coolest on record, which resulted in picking being delayed by almost a month. The flavours and sugars developed quite slowly in the Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes while we prayed it would not rain on them. Our prayers were answered along with some less divine intervention of leaf plucking and crop reduction. We were rewarded with grapes showing a good range of flavours for the cool conditions at lower than normal sugar levels, resulting in finer wines with slightly lower alcohols. The 2006 Higher Plane South by Southwest Cabernet Merlot is made as a bright fruit driven style with very moderate oak influence. It is a wine to enjoy now and for at least the next 5 years.

VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon 80%, Merlot 20%	REGION	Margaret River 100%
VINTAGE	2006	OAK	15% new French barriques
PICKING DATE	15 April to 4 May, machine & hand picked	MONTHS IN OAK	14
BAUMÉ	12.7 to 13.6 Be°	ALCOHOL	13.5%
YIELD	6.0 to 8.0 t/Ha	pH	3.65
TRELLIS	VSP	TA	6.4 g/L
FERMENT	14 to 21 days pumped over	RS	0.1 g/L
MLF	100%	YEAST	M2, F15
PRODUCTION	450 cases	BOTTLED	August 2007



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